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Dear Ms. Clement:

Thank you for your comments regarding the January 7, 1998 version of the Draft CALFED Watershed Management Strategy. Since receipt of your letter, a February 18, 1998 version of that document has been released as an appendix to the Programmatic EIS/R. This is enclosed for your use.

CALFED is committed to ensuring that restoration of the upper watershed occurs where there is a clear linkage to correcting the problems of the Bay-Delta estuary and species dependent on the estuary. While we believe that the Watershed Management Strategy represents a good start towards a policy statement, we recognize that the upper watershed component needs continual refinement to be truly effective. We plan to prosecute this refinement with the assistance of our CALFED agencies and cooperators.

As you may know, representatives from the CALFED agencies recently met to discuss the CALFED Watershed Management approach including action on the upper watersheds. An interim Interagency Watershed Advisory Team was formed consisting of key CALFED agencies involved in watershed activities. Julie Tupper of U.S. Forest Service is on the team. It is our belief that she will bring your agency's concerns and suggestions to the team as they work with us to add more substance to the Watershed Management Strategy and approach.

Should you have any further comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 657-2666 or Judy Heath at (916) 654-2994.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Enclosure

CALFED Agencies

California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service